

FCC:

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force its affiliates to air a completely partisan feature length piece concerning popular protest about the Viet Nam war within a few days of the November election is outrageous and a frightening indicator of our descent into Orwellian times.

Under the leadership of Michael Powell, the FCC has consistently shown during his tenure, is not committed to the protection of democratic principles, but appears to be an enabler of the corporate state which America is quickly becoming.

Fact: Sinclair Broadcasting is an avowed champion of the Republican Party and a supporter of the current regime, of which Mr. Powell is an integral part. Forcing Sinclair's affiliates to air a completely one-sided view of another period of failed American policy abrogates those affiliates rights and does a disservice to history and common sense.

The truth, conclusions, and lessons of America's Viet Nam debacle will not be examined by the one-sided piece of propaganda being pushed by Sinclair.

War brings out the best as well as the worst of what human beings are capable of doing. Though many served in Viet Nam honorably, many U.S. soldiers descended into the brutality and mindless destruction of life, land, and property that accompanies every human conflict. Popular protest against that unnecessary war was a major factor in bringing it to an end. Making the people of this country aware that not all of our troops were the saints and saviours we all hoped they were, as John Kerry did, was only bringing to light a truth that we all needed to contemplate.

The idea that dissent during times of war is akin to treason is a poisonous lie that will only ensure more death, destruction, and decay, and will once again prolong a war and a policy that will eventually destroy America.

Protect democracy and truth and prohibit Sinclair from broadcasting their propaganda.

Sincerely,
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